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Reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 1, 9, 11, 17, 20-23, and 25 have been amended. Claims 7, 8, 19, 24, 31, and 32 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Twenty-six claims are pending in the application: Claims 1-6, 9-18, 20-23, and 25-30.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. At the outset, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for indicating claims 8-10, 19-22, 24 and 32 as allowable subject matter. Applicants have amended the claims such that all of the pending claims contain subject matter the Examiner has indicated as allowable. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. Applicants will file an information disclosure statement as suggested by the Examiner shortly after the filing of this amendment.

Objections

3. Claim 20 is objected to for reciting "a liquid" instead of "a fluid" in order to remain consistent with the rest of the claim.

Claim 20 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner, thus the objection is overcome.

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4. Claim 17 is objected to for being dependent upon claim 1 instead of dependent upon claim 11.

Claim 17 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner, thus the objection is overcome.

35 U.S.C. § 112

5. Claims 21-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention. Specifically, claims 21 and 22 recite "the light source" and claim 23 recites "the treatment lamp" for which there is insufficient antecedent basis.

Claims 21 and 22 have been amended to recite "a light source" instead of "the light source." Claim 23 has been amended to recite "a treatment lamp" instead of "the treatment lamp." Thus, the rejection is overcome. No limiting amendments have been made.

35 U.S.C. § 102

6. Claims 11, 13, 14, 17 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0205454 (Hlavinka et al.).

While Applicants traverse these rejections, claim 11 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 19 which is subject matter the Examiner has indicated as allowable.

Therefore, claim 11 is in condition for allowance. Claims 13, 14, 17 and 18 are also in condition for allowance at least because of their dependency upon an allowable independent claim. Therefore, Applicants submit the rejection is overcome.

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7. Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 23, 25, 27, 28 and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,825,083 (*Latel et al.*).

While Applicants traverse these rejections, claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 8 which is subject matter the Examiner has indicated as allowable. Additionally, claim 23 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 24 which is subject matter the Examiner has indicated as allowable. Additionally, claim 25 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 32 which is subject matter the Examiner has indicated as allowable. Therefore, claims 1, 23 and 24 are in condition for allowance. Claims 3, 4, 7, 27, and 28 are also in condition for allowance at least because of their dependency upon an allowable independent claim. Therefore, Applicants submit the rejection is overcome.

35 U.S.C. §103

8. Claims 2, 5, 6, 12, 15, 16, 26, 29, and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over various U.S. Patents.

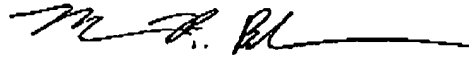
While Applicants traverse these rejections, claims 2, 5, 6, 12, 15, 16, 26, 29, and 30 are all dependent upon amended independent claims that contain subject matter the Examiner has indicated as allowable and are thus also allowable at least because of their dependency upon an allowable independent claim. Therefore, Applicants submit the rejection is overcome.

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C O N C L U S I O N

In view of the above, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and prompt and favorable action is earnestly solicited. Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain any outstanding issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Thomas F. Lebens at (805) 781-2865 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

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